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Firefighters battle early morning blaze

Damage is estimated to be \$500,000

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Deputy fire chief Keith German estimated a fire caused \$500,000 in damage to a Stevensville workshop early Tuesday morning.

That amount may change as investigators "dig more into the cause of (the fire)," German said.

The Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a call for a building on fire at 2200 Eagle St., south of Ridgemount Road at 1 a.m.

No person was injured as a result of the fire but German said several small chickens died in the blaze.

German said the owners of the building, D.J.R. Construction, built "a lot of cabinetry and custom work for homes that would be built in the shop and taken to the job site."

"The cause of the fire is still under investigation. We will have to wait and see how that turns out," German said. "But I don't believe it to be suspicious."

German said the owner of the building left his workshop at 9 p.m. Monday night "and everything was fine."

"The owner was telling us he left and went to play hockey.



HARRY ROSETTANI Special to The Times
The Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a call for a fire at 2200 Eagle St., in Fort Erie early Tuesday morning.

When he got home around 12:30 a.m., he came into the yard and noticed smoke coming from the door (of the workshop)."

It took firefighters about an hour and a half to extinguish the blaze.

"We rotated a lot of men through. At one point, we had almost 50 firefighters," German said. "We rotated firefighters from different stations because of the cold."

The temperature was about -23°C early Tuesday which cre-

ated "tough conditions" for firefighters.

"The guys were working with a lot of water which led to ice being created. The equipment also doesn't work as well when it's frozen. There's a lot of ice build up, it's slippery and it's not

as smooth," German said. "Fortunately, no one was hurt. Our biggest concern was making sure guys didn't have frost bite, they didn't get the chills, and they didn't slip and fall on the ice."

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Town of Fort Erie commits \$500,000 for theatre

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie council will contribute \$500,000 toward a state-of-the-art theatre for Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.

The District School Board of Niagara asked the Town to commit \$3.7 million to fund a shared library and a theatre for the municipality's future high school, \$3 million for the theatre and \$650,000 for a shared library.

Fort Erie council agreed last Tuesday to partner with the DSNB to fund the theatre, with each party contributing \$500,000 toward the cost.

The Town's first instalment of \$250,000 will be paid using surplus from the 2014 budget. The remaining por-

tion of the Town's contribution will be spread out over the course of 2015 and 2016 using any budget surplus generated during those years.

The remaining \$2 million necessary to build the 500-seat theatre will be collected through fundraising, public and private grants, sponsorship and other sources of funds available to the Town.

In the event of a funding shortfall, the report stated that the Town and the DSNB will "contribute equally to the remaining balance."

The report also stated that the DSNB should be responsible for any building costs in excess of \$3 million.

The school board will own the theatre and will be responsible for all operating costs.



Like many things in life, we don't get to choose when opportunities arrive. I believe this is an opportunity"

— Mayor Wayne Redekop

The report said students will have "priority use of the theatre" and the DSNB will be responsible for theatre rentals and will keep rental fees to maintain the facility.

The Town will be entitled to "utilize the theatre for Town events which include the inauguration of council, public meetings and award ceremonies free of

charge." Non-profit organizations will receive a preferred rental rate.

Mayor Wayne Redekop said considering the school board's request was "not an easy decision to make but he supported the construction of a new theatre."

"Like many things in life, we don't get to choose when opportunities arrive. I believe this is an opportunity."

The school board's request for funds to build a shared library were declined.

Redekop said Fort Erie "doesn't require a fourth library" and if one was built it would create ongoing costs and "substantial pressure to close one of the other branches."

Although he supported the idea of a theatre, Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts said he was concerned because there is no clear funding strategy to pay for the theatre.

"What I am seeing here is a motion that has been brought forward that is putting the taxpayer at a potential risk of increases," Lubberts said. "I haven't seen anything—any fundraising strategy, how we're going to do it. I've seen absolutely nothing."

Lubberts urged council to wait to make a decision about whether or not to fund the theatre until the public has been consulted.

Redekop said the public has been given an opportunity to give input on the high school's projects, first at an open house on Jan. 20, and at an open forum on Feb. 9. He added that "many of the questions" residents had been answered in last Tuesday's report.

Jonathan Janzen, the Town's director of financial services, said Town staff expect to have the funds necessary to fund the project so the taxpayers won't be burdened.

If funds are taken

from a reserve fund, the money will be taken from "past or existing tax levels, not from future increases." The end result doesn't mean "an immediate tax increase."

"Should we wish to replenish funds via our existing levels, that would result in a tax increase," he added.

Although he was concerned about funding for the theatre, Ward 1 Coun. George McDermott said he supported the project.

"For us to pass on this would be a grave mistake," Ward 6 Coun. Chris Knutt said.

"We have to show some leadership," Ward 4 Coun. Marina Butler said. "We have to remind ourselves that we need attractions to attract employment and attract families to migrate to Fort Erie. It will be the only high school in Fort Erie... We need to make a commitment to the next generation."

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'I am confident we can reach the \$2 million goal'

Committee to develop fundraising strategy to pay for new theatre

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The curtain is set to rise in 2017.

But before Fort Erie becomes home to a new state-of-the-art theatre with 500 seats, the District School Board of Niagara and the municipality must raise the money necessary to pay for it.

With a \$2 million goal in mind, a committee is already developing a fundraising strategy to raise the money required to build a theatre for Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, Fred Louws said.

Louws, who will be principal of the new school when it opens in September 2017, is optimistic about fundraising efforts.

"I know there are some people who are very committed to the project," Louws said. "I am confident that we can reach the \$2 million goal."

Last week, the municipality agreed to partner with the DSNB to fund a portion of the \$3 million project. Each party will contribute \$500,000 toward the cost.

The town's first installment of \$250,000 will be paid using surplus from the 2014 budget and the remaining portion will be spread out over the course of 2015 and 2016 using any budget surplus generated during those years.

The rest of the funds to pay for the project must be raised through donations. The deadline to raise the money is due one year from the date the school opens," Louws said.

Louws is overseeing the formation of the fundraising committee which consists of residents, former and current members of council such as Gary Skerrett, Ron Lampman, Doug Martin, Ashley Strang, Gord Gregory, Debbie Rundin, Ward 4 Coun. Marina Buter and Ward 6 Coun. Chris Knaut.

The committee roster is expected to be finalized this week with the addition of two or three more members, Louws said.

"The idea is to make sure the committee will be a well-rounded, connected and respected group."

As part of the fundraising strategy, Louws said he expects

• The District School Board of Niagara and the Town of Fort Erie have partnered to build a \$3 million state-of-the-art theatre to be built at the municipality's future high school.

• The DSNB and the Town will each contribute \$500,000 toward the project. The remaining \$2 million will be raised through donations.

• The fundraising committee has a deadline of 2018 to raise the money required to pay for the theatre.

• The DSNB will be responsible for paying building costs in excess of \$3 million.

• The DSNB will own and be responsible for maintaining the theatre. The town will be entitled to use the theatre free of charge for events such as the inauguration of council, public meetings and award ceremonies.

• Non-profit organizations will receive a preferred rental rate. Fred Louws, the high school's future principal, said the DSNB currently charges non-profit groups \$15 per hour to rent school facilities. Up-to-date information is available on the DSNB web site.

to develop sub-committees to assist in seeking donations from residents, local businesses and corporations as well as private and public grants.

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said he will be very involved in the fundraising efforts "for the theatre."

"Aside from making a personal donation—as I believe will all councillors—I will be involved with the search for sponsors and the activities to raise the necessary funds."

According to Redekop, the addition of the theatre is an "innovative way to grow our community, expand our tax base and attract new businesses and individuals to Fort Erie."

"This project also provides many opportunities to create a valuable partnership, to leverage our investment, to take steps to improve our image and to add a facility that we do not have, but which all of our neighbours have."

The partnership between the

Town and the DSNB is a valuable one "that Fort Erie will be able to utilize to create further partnerships in our efforts to bring post-secondary programs, including training programs, to our town."

"There is a risk that we will not be able to raise the entire \$2 million projected," Redekop said. "But the council believes that we can and the risk that we face is a calculated risk. We will not be raising taxes to cover any shortfall should there be one."

Fort Erie and Port Colborne school board trustee Dave Schaubel said he wished to thank Fort Erie council "for supporting the incredible opportunity" to build a theatre at the new high school.

"They campaigned on change and progressively doing what is in Fort Erie's best interest and this definitely is," Schaubel said.

"Our students will benefit greatly through this and as our town continues to show that it is not afraid to take positive risks to grow, I believe it will attract businesses as well as forward thinking people."

Individuals interested in assisting the fundraising committee are asked to e-mail Louws at Fred.Louws@dsbn.on.ca.

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School board in search of mascot for new high school

The District School Board of Niagara has narrowed down three choices for the new mascot of Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.

The DSNB invited students from Fort Erie Secondary School Ridgeway and Crystal Beach Public School and their feeder schools to submit suggestions for a mascot that would represent school pride and unity for students at Fort Erie's new high school, which will open in September 2017.

The DSNB received more than 50 mascot suggestions and narrowed them down to three finalists: The Giants, the Gryphons and the Guardians. From now until Feb. 27, students, staff, parents and the public can vote for one of the three finalists online at www.surveymonkey.com/t/mascot2015. Individuals can also suggest mascot characteristics, make up their own school cheer and recommend school colours.

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Missionary's 'heart belongs in Nigeria'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Harvey Stromme calls Fort Erie home but his heart belongs in Nigeria.

That's where Stromme said his family lives.

"When I had to say good bye to my family, it was the hardest thing I ever had to do."

Stromme, who is turning 91 next month, has been travelling to Nigeria and has worked with Serving in Mission since 1966 as a missionary. As part of his work, Stromme taught people in need about basic life skills and how to live a healthy life. He also fed, clothed, and educated many orphan children that have since become his family. All of those people Stromme helped have become his family. Their pictures fill the walls of his Fort Erie home.

"I have more than 500 children," Stromme said. "They all live in Nigeria."

What was meant to be short-term became a life-long ministry.

Stromme has recently returned from Nigeria where he spent several months minister-

ing. It was the last time that Stromme was able to serve as a missionary before he retired.

He used to stay in Nigeria for three years at a time. As he has grown older, Stromme spent smaller amounts of time—three to six-month periods—because new laws regarding health care required him to travel back to Canada more often to keep his health benefits.

According to mission policy, Stromme was expected to retire at 65 but Serving in Mission allowed him to keep going back year after year.

"They have been very good to me and allowed me to keep going. They have been very understanding," Stromme said. "The normal rule of the mission is 65. When you reach 65, that's supposed to be the end of your terms."

It took Stromme about 17 hours of flying time to reach Abuja, the capital of Nigeria. When he stepped foot onto the ground, he couldn't wait to see his loved ones.

"It was Christmas time, a time of celebration," Stromme said. He spent the holidays sharing in a feast.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Harvey Stromme, 90, recently returned from his final visit to Nigeria as a missionary.

"When celebrating Christmas, my family makes enough food to take to other relatives and it is a great feast," Stromme explained.

"They put this food into beautiful containers to keep the food warm or cold. Christmas isn't so

much about exchanging gifts. It's about being with family."

Many of those faces Stromme looked upon were those of the orphans Stromme had helped raise over the course of 46 years.

"When they greeted me, they rolled out the red carpet. It was a joyous reunion."

After the holidays ended, Stromme set to work ministering to the people. He would wake early each morning about 5 and eat breakfast before beginning his day.

"I'd always have to make sure to leave my door unlocked," Stromme explained. "Greetings are very impor-

tant to people there. Many of the village people would come to the door to just say hello," Stromme said.

"It's much different than it is in Canada. You're on the outside of the community if you're not a greeter."

Stromme enjoys the Nigerian custom of leaving the door unlocked and inviting neighbours to offer a quick greeting in the morning.

As a young reverend, Stromme recalls that he was expected to "go out into the community to visit" his congregation.

"All of the hospitality is done in the church now during coffee time."

"It's just not the same."

Not every experience Stromme has had in Africa has been heartwarming. There was some risk involved.

On his last trip, Stromme heard gun fire.

"It was early evening and I had just returned from the store. All of the sudden I heard a big bomb go off. I didn't know what it was at the time," Stromme said. "My house rattled and shook."

Stromme recalls seeing members of the Nigerian army and police in the streets.

Stromme "wasn't in the heart of the battle" but his home was just a few miles down the road from the action.

He said there was "several warnings" during the rest of his time in Nigeria but he never heard gun fire again.

Travelling on the roads also pose a threat.

"Armed robbers are common on highways," Stromme said.

"The roads are unbelievable. There are holes in the roads—not just potholes—but huge holes. It's very dangerous."

Stromme said the people he met over the course of 46 years of service are "good" and proud people.

As long as he remains in good health, Stromme hopes to see his Nigerian family and friends again some day.

"I'm not giving up on going back," Stromme said.

"My heart and my life is out there."

Author Irene Ward worked with Stromme to write his life story and his missionary work which has been captured in the book From the Dust Bowls of the Canadian Prairies to the Parched Savanna of Africa: The Biography of Harvey Stromme, Missionary to Nigeria.

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Do You Remember?

We heard from Barb Wilkie who identified the lady in the left side of the photo as Vera Van Brussell.

Barb remembers that Mrs. Van Brussell was a Girl Guide Commissioner at the time this photo appeared in the 1981 newspaper.

Kelly Forrest remembered being in the 1st Ridgeway Girl Guides when Mrs. Van Brussell was the leader. Many thanks to Barb and Kelly for sharing those memories.

We are hoping that some of our more senior readers will remem-

ber the committee members in this week's photo.

The name Maisie Brown is written on the back of the photo. Please call the Fort Erie Museum if you can tell us which one she is or the names of any of the other people in the photo.

letters to the editor

New schools should be built with local expertise

Dear Editor,

Two new schools for Fort Erie, a public school in Ridgeway and high school on Garrison Road.

Now we can all relax.

NO...the heavy lifting should be just beginning. I'm not talking about theatre fundraising (very important). I'm talking about a Fort Erie campaign to ensure a certain level of Fort Erie content in these construction projects.

If one sets an objective of 20% Fort Erie content; that could result in some \$4 to \$6 million in local revenues.

Who should be involved in this campaign? Council and our mayors. In this campaign they could all come

together in a united front. I believe the media created enough pressure to cause Niagara College to change their tendering process recently. The media could lead our community with their articles on this subject.

The Chamber Of Commerce, Prominent Fort Erie Citizens and our MP etc. Even The Ministry Of Education and District School Board of Niagara should support being a good community citizen.

I spent three decades as a

senior executive involved in bidding on tenders for large mainframe computers and peripherals for federal, provincial government and large cities internationally.

Usually we had to prove and deliver a certain level of Local content (open an office or small plant etc.) to compete effectively.

For any leaders, reporters or businessmen to assume we can't get local content factoring included in the tendering process are starting with a "losing attitude".

I would rather have a committed campaign and lose, than not try at all.

I know that most tenders will be awarded to Ontario contractors not located in Fort Erie. I'm talking about (when appropriate) local Fort Erie content clauses with clear measurements. The winning contractors achieve percentages of local content through Subcontracting.

Clearly a steel beam contractor does not apply. That leaves excavators, painters,

electricians, plumbers, etc.

There are many ways to develop appropriate local content clauses but that's for others later.

First there has to be the will from our town council, media and other local leaders.

If the will is there, we have a chance to change the process.

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opinion page

There's no shortage of fun at the library during March Break

It might be frozen solid outside, but things will be shakin' at the library for March Break.

Fort Erie families are shivering through February, skidding into March then suddenly, out of the blue, March Break will arrive on the scene. For parents wondering what to do, the Fort Erie Public Library offers a lineup that includes amazing drums, live repelles, babysitting and Home Alone workshops, movies and much, much more!

Want to get the rhythm of the beat? Check out Mystic Drumz at Centennial and Crystal Ridge branches on Monday, March 16.

This percussion group performs a family friendly story, using Trinidad steel pan, Cuban bongos,



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

Spanish castanets and European xylophones.

The Reptile Kingdom is bringing their Amazon Rainforest Show to the Crystal Ridge and Centennial branches on Wednesday, March 18, with real lizards, snakes and more.

St. John Ambulance will return to present their popular training courses

for youth - What Every Babysitter Should Know at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday, March 17 and Home Alone at the Centennial branch on Friday, March 20.

Registrations should be arranged by calling St. John Ambulance at 905-356-7340.

Are video games more your style?

The Super Smash Brothers Wii tournament at Centennial on Saturday, March 21 might be for you.

Prefer to get your hands moving by making things? The Silhouette Art on Tuesday, March 17 at the Centennial branch or a Petie the Cat Party at Crystal Ridge on Thursday, March 19 might be your choice. Pot of Gold Bedtime Stories at Crystal Ridge on

Monday, March 16 and a Stuffed Animal Sleepover at Stevensville on Wednesday, March 18 will calm things down a bit.

Looking for something to do at your own pace? Library Bingo, Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt and a Guess the Characters game are happening all week at every branch.

There are prizes for all. To round out the week, there are movies at the Centennial branch each afternoon and evening, including the Hunger Games series. Full details are available on our website www.fepi.ca, or in a March newsletter, available at every branch.

The library partners annually with Canada Revenue's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program to offer help with

individual income tax preparation, for people who are unable to prepare their return by themselves and who cannot pay for professional services.

Trained volunteers will meet one by one with taxpayers, to aid them in completing their taxes. Guidelines relating to income and tax situation apply, and past years' taxes cannot be done.

Several community-minded individuals have taken the Canada Revenue training course and are eager to help residents of Greater Fort Erie.

Appointments are now being taken for income tax clinics which will be held at the Crystal Ridge and Centennial Branches of the Library during March and April. Please call the branch nearest you for

details.

Selma, the movie originally scheduled for screening this evening, has been held over in theatres.

In its place, we will be showing *Dear White People*, a social satire that follows the stories of a group of black students at an Ivy League college where controversy breaks out over a popular (but offensive) black-face party thrown by white students. With tongue planted firmly in cheek, the film explores racial identity in acutely non-racial America.

Dear White People is rated 14A.

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Maple syrup season is in full swing in Niagara

Surprise! Surprise! Pancakes with blueberries, a side order of crisp bacon and real maple syrup for breakfast last week. I have had a love affair with maple syrup for a long time. The Johnsons neighbours just to the west of us on Garrison Road circa WW2 had a long row of sugar maple trees. They tapped them each spring. Metal pails hung from the spigots hung on each tree in the row of sugar maples collecting the clear maple sap. As a boy I delivered the Toronto Star to them for a number of years. Guess what? Many times I was given maple sugar fudge and heavenly cookies that Mrs. Johnson made using maple syrup. Great memories.



Earl Plato
When Nature Calls

For years at Longmeadow farm in Ridgeway we bought a gallon of the syrup from the neighbour, the late Irene Michael. It was from the tapplings of many sugar maple trees from her relatives at Paisley, Ontario. It was always great

to know about this precious liquid!

As principal at Ridgeway Public School I often accompanied a class to the sugar bush near Fonthill in early spring.

It's worth a visit. Instead of the traditional spigots and pails long tubes from each tree tie the sap flow to a collecting basin. All over the sugar bush was a network of collecting tubes. One knows the process. In the year building the vats of maple sap were undergoing rigorous boiling, boil, boil, boil.

Here's some information on this maple syrup business. The favourite of sugar makers is of

course the Sugar Maple tree also known as the hard maple tree. It is the best for it yields about one gallon of syrup for each 40 gallons of sap collected. Its cousin, the Red maple, yields a gallon of syrup from about 60 gallons of sap collected. Sugar Bush is mainly of Sugar Maple. The modern way of collecting maple sap is with tubing systems. These are widely used in Niagara.

Aerial tubing systems eliminate the bucket system. In the process I saw the sap flowing downhill. We observed that the sap flows from the Sugar maples through spiles in each tree into the drop lines. Then it goes through a mainline connector into the storage tanks.

I talked with one of the men at another setting in Pelham. He shared some insights about tubing. They are not as pretty as trees with buckets. Tubing requires more maintenance than buckets. Continuous checking of the tubes is needed to straighten out the lines. Thistles surprised me. Tubings are often damaged by squirrels eating on them. Would be change back to buckets? No.

Tubing is better. More taps on larger trees and you get more sap.

Visit a Sugar Maple site this spring.

Yes, I make good pancakes. Ask my wife. Yes, we still have some real maple syrup.



Tubing system on tree.

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover.

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How can we be even more snow in our future. Crazyness.

Well, I think we are going to have a fantastic time on March 7 at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts, no matter what the weather will be like.

I'd like to reintroduce to you: Jane's Party! Jeff, Devon, Tom, Zach will be rocking the stage with the



Nadine Pizziccarola

guys from West Hammock from Oshawa.

First show of the season, ya'll!

It is so time to leave hibernation mode and have some fun.

If you didn't get the chance to see Jane's Party last time, now is your chance.

They are a great young band who we will hopefully hear a lot more of. The same goes for the guys

from West Hammock.

Check them both out on Youtube and come to the concert. Show these guys some love.

We still have some tickets available to see and hear one of the most iconic Canadian bands, The Watchmen, for their gig on March 13 at The Sanctuary.

The Watchmen came to exist in 1986 in Winnipeg, Manitoba founded by

vocalist Daniel Greaves, guitarist Joey Serlin, bassist Pete Loewen and Greaves' first cousin, drummer Sammy Kohn. Serlin was a huge fan of the comic book series Watchmen which inspired the band's name.

The Watchmen were one of the most commercially successful Canadian rock bands of the 1990s achieving three gold records and one platinum record for 'In the Tree'.

They have toured Canada countless times with such acts as The Tragically Hip and Big Wreck.

Before the band got signed, they were able to

achieve great popularity as a live act with audiences across Canada for their energetic shows and great stage presence.

For more information on classes, events and concerts please visit www.the-sanctuaryarts.org.

Tickets to all shows are available on www.ticketscene.ca, Trailside Bar and Grill and Brimstone Brewing Company.

Got a question or anything else you like to share? Please e-mail thesanctuaryarts@gmail.com. See you soon!

Nadine Pizziccarola is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

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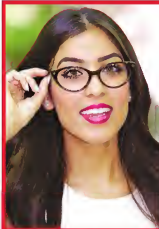












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From the gardener's journal: seek new recipes to "keep creative juices flowing"

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

We can learn much from the weather folk but this winter is not as mild as was predicted.

In fact, most of us will remember this winter based on this month of extreme cold and snow.

That's the great thing about memory. Give us a few sunny days and the cold and heavy snow falls will fade away.

Maybe our memory can be selective at times, but there are some things that do not alter.

For instance, it may not feel like it right now, spring will come, the sun will become warmer and these snows will melt.

There is no stopping the changes of seasons.

We have science and accumulated wisdom in our knowledge now but the ancients thought winter was an evil spirit that had to be fought to allow the good spirits of spring and warmth to come. Perhaps some even yet think that about winter. I believe we need these seasons to give us different perspectives. Being indoors can give us time for different projects, an appreciation for friends and family in visiting times and in my case, no excuse to put off some chores that I have left undone while I played outside.

Indoors gives me an opportunity to plan my outside activities and to give some time to research. This week's research brought some more 'common wisdom' to my attention.

Many scan the skies for clues to the wet or dry of spring. The early February moon with a rim meaning moisture would indicate a wet spring. A 'dry' February moon (no rims around) in the early weeks would indicate a dry spring.

So what will it be this year? According to the moon in the first two weeks of February, will

have a wet spring and should make our plans around that. Don't hold me to that prediction, let's just see how accurate this projection will be.

Last week we looked at some weather sayings and I thought I would follow up after seven days and give the 'score' so far the expression "red sun in morning" sailors take warning"—meaning storms during the day, has only been accurate 40 percent of the time. The expression "red sun at night, sailors delight" has been accurate 95 percent of the time. We have another week to go to see how these expressions fare in accuracy. And there are some in my household who feel we should have another look at these weather expressions in the warmer season and see if that makes a difference—fair enough.

Being indoors increases the need for variety in cooking too—at least for me. I seek new recipes, just to keep my creative juices flowing. I thought I would share a few along the way. These from a cookbook designed to keep 'old' ways fresh: "From the Hearth" by Hope Dunton.

White Sauce:

- Two tablespoons butter
- tablespoons flour
- One tablespoon fresh parsley, minced
- Two tablespoons fresh chives, minced
- One tablespoon shallots, minced salt and pepper to taste
- One cup cream or 1/2 cup milk and 1/2 cup cream

Melt butter, adding parsley, chives shallots, cook for three to four minutes but don't brown. Incorporate flour and allow to bubble for a minute.

Gradually add cream or mixture of cream and milk continue to whisk until the sauce is thickened. Cook for an additional eight to 10 minutes, stir

ring as the more you stir the whiter and shinier it becomes.

Now it is ready to serve with Cod a la creme:

One pound cod fillets brought to a boil in salted water.

Simmer after boil for 10 minutes. Make the white sauce and then place fish in sauce, heat and serve. You can also add a coating of bread crumbs.

First add another tablespoon of butter and three egg yolks to the sauce.

Arrange it all in the serving dish and then cover with breadcrumbs. Place under broiler for three to four minutes, until browned.

During this season of Lent this might be a nice variation for the Friday meal.

Next week I'll share a

chicken recipe that I love.

Certainly we can celebrate with some special food dishes in this winter season!

If you want a dash of spring, I suggest you meet me in the high school greenhouse on Tuesday and Thursday between 10 am and 2:30pm. This environment will lift your spirits! Or visit any greenhouse and just take a lei-

surely walk through and see what is beginning to come along nicely. Not only will you appreciate the growth but also the work and organization that brings you the lovely blooms!

Stay warm, stay safe and as always, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.

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Research is 'so important' in the battle against stroke and heart disease

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Every seven minutes, someone dies from heart disease or stroke in Canada. It's a daunting statistic that Ashley Anderson hopes will change with time and research.

"You would think most people are up on these statistics and disease. It's surprising."

That's why it's so important for Heart and Stroke canvassers to go door-to-door during the month of February to raise awareness for heart disease and strokes.

Anderson, 32, oversees 18



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Ashley Anderson oversees 18 canvassers who are going door-to-door this month to collect donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and to raise awareness for heart disease and stroke.

canvassers going door-to-door in the Black Creek area during Heart Month this month.

"I've been volunteering since I was 12. I started with the March of Dimes and later I got involved with the Heart and Stroke Foundation," Anderson said.

Anderson didn't begin volunteering because she knew someone who suffered from a stroke or heart disease.

"At least that's not why I originally started. After I started canvassing, I found out my grandpa had a stroke."

"It wasn't brought to my

attention because it happened when I was younger. But he is the reason I kept going."

Armed with pamphlets and identification tags, canvassers will be out and about collecting donations until the end of February.

"Every dollar (donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation) makes a difference," Anderson said.

To make a donation to Anderson's canvassing campaign visit www.heartandstroke.ca/help. Click 'Donate,' and 'Donate to a volunteer, Ontario' and search 'Ashley Anderson.'

According to Charity Intelligence Canada, the

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada was founded in 1952. In 2013, the foundation invested more than \$38 million in research, which assisted about 1,500 researchers at universities, medical facilities and hospitals across Canada. Over the course of 60 years, the foundation has provided more than \$1.4 billion in research funding.

For more information about the Heart and Stroke Foundation visit www.heartandstroke.com.

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Couple to share their story about battle with Lyme Disease

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Two words changed Amanda and Jeff Wilson's lives for ever.

Lyme Disease. Amanda has been battling the disease since she was bit by an infected tick over a year ago. Amanda went undiagnosed until she paid for a blood test in the U.S. that came back positive. Since then, Amanda has been paying thousands of dollars out of pocket for treatment in the U.S.

Before Amanda was diagnosed, she was given two tests approved by the provincial Health Ministry. Both had come back negative.

If it's caught early, the dis-

ease is treatable with antibiotics. But the problem for Amanda and Jeff, along with others battling Lyme Disease, is that the test administered in Canada only looks for the presence of one strain of the bacteria that causes Lyme Disease.

Amanda, a border security agent, is unable to work. Jeff, who was diagnosed last October and runs his own business, pushes himself to go work.

Some days, Jeff is barely able to get out of bed.

"It's a roller coaster," Jeff said. "I don't want to be sick. I want my life back."

Wilson no longer drives a car, and spends much of his days in bed because of pain.

The Wilsons adhere to a strict diet free from alcohol, caffeine, sugar, and gluten.

Their days are filled with many doctors appointments and medication. They both keep a daily record of their health to share with their doctor.

The journey to health is a long and winding road for the Wilsons. Because he was diagnosed much sooner than his wife, Jeff said he is beginning to feel better.

"I'm not 100% but I know I will get there," he said.

Amanda's health seems to have reached "a plateau."

Lyme Disease affects every person differently and there is a wide variety of symptoms.

"The only way to describe it—it's like having the flu every day," Jeff said.

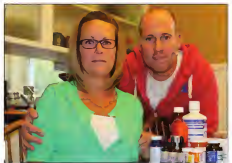
He hopes to raise awareness about the disease and has begun offering to speak at schools, church functions, service organization meetings.

"To be able to share our story, it makes us feel like a million bucks," Jeff said.

The Wilsons said they are grateful for the support members of the community have given them.

Several fundraisers have been organized and held in their honour. Isabel Probyz and Vivianne Cooney, have also accepted donations on behalf of the Wilsons at their store, Downtown Dollar, in Ridgeway. Probyz and Cooney said they are thankful for anyone who has dropped off a donation for the Wilsons.

Another fundraiser for the



Amanda and Jeff Wilson.

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

WilsonswillbeheldonSunday, Feb. 28 at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Downtown Dollar or by calling Kim Vandervoort at 905-894-

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Celebrating Women & Wellness

Five hundred women from across Niagara joined together at the 5th Annual Women & Wellness this past week where they were captivated by Rona Maynard's personal journey and victory over chronic depression, proving that a history of mental illness is no barrier to joy or success. Rona, former Editor-in-Chief of *Chatelaine* and an award-winning journalist is the author of *'My Mother's Daughter'*. Some of her achievements: Woman of Distinction from TWCA of Metropolitan Toronto, Woman of Action Award from Israel Cancer Research Fund, and a Media Award from the Canadian

Nurses Association. This year we were also inspired by Alicia Raimundo, a mental health superhero who shared her experiences of suicidal ideation, depression and anxiety, bringing us on her journey to recovery and advocacy.

Women & Wellness, an annual educational fundraising event across Canada supports Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) programs and raises awareness of mental health. The Niagara event held at Club Italia in Niagara Falls supported Walk In Counseling at the CMHA - Niagara Branch.



Karla Gilmore and Keynote Speaker Rona Maynard, former Editor in Chief of *Chatelaine*.



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Date: Friday March 6, Americana Resort, Niagara Falls
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Mid-winter pow wow will celebrate and educate

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre is extending a hand of friendship to the community in an effort to raise awareness of Aboriginal culture.

The public is invited to attend the 20th annual Mid-Winter Pow Wow, Rekindling Our Traditions, at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre on Buffalo Road, on Saturday, March 7.

"These type of events are designed for everybody to enjoy themselves. It's also an opportunity to be able to share our culture," youth worker Shannon Cotter said.

The celebration is meant to be a day for Aboriginal people to honour their own traditions. It's also a day to bring the community together and to educate others.

"Families come from all over. I've met a family from Germany and a family from British Columbia that came to the centre to learn more about our culture," Joe Alex Shawana said.

Shawana will be one of about 120 dancers that will be featured in the event. He encourages everyone to attend the mid-winter pow wow to

Who: Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre

What: 20th Mid-Winter
Pow Wow Rekindling
Our Traditions

When: Saturday, March 7 Beginning with the Grand Entry at noon.

Where: 796 Buffalo Rd.,
Fort Erie

Why: To celebrate Aboriginal peoples' traditions

learn more about
Aboriginal culture.

"People who attend will have the chance to experience new things and learn a different way of life."

The pow wow will begin at noon with a grand entry and feature cultural food, an auction table, First Nations crafts and a 50/50 draw. The event is free but individuals who attend are encouraged to bring a donation of a non-perishable canned good.

For more information
call Shannon Cotter at
905-871-8931 ext. 259.

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From left, Shannon Cotter and Joe Alex Shawana are two of 120 dancers that will be featured in the 20th annual Mid-Winter Pow Wow Rekindling Our Traditions on Saturday, March 7.

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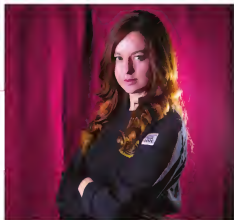
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JASON HAYWOOD Special to The Times

Students from Fort Erie Secondary School will participate in the District School Board of Niagara Skills Challenges competition beginning next week. The annual competition gives students the chance to learn about potential careers by competing while following specific industry guidelines. Challenges in culinary, baking, job interviewing, job demonstrations and photography are judged by industry leaders. Gold medal winners will go on to represent the DSBN during the Ontario Skills Challenges in Waterloo. (left) Students Pauline Cotler, Carlen David and Caitlin Brooks will compete in a job interview challenge on March 4. (top right) Irina Fedchenko will compete in a culinary art challenge and (bottom right) Katrina Waters will compete in a baking challenge on March 6. The competition will be held at Niagara College.

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Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce to celebrate women

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Women are invited for an afternoon of shopping, food and camaraderie.

The Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce is celebrating women during its International Women's Day Networking Luncheon. The event will be held on Friday, March 6 at the Cherry Hill Club in Ridgeway from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"It's an afternoon of like minded people in a professional and social atmosphere where you get to do 'girly things'—shop, eat and have a lot of fun," chamber manager Karen Audet said. "The idea behind the luncheon is celebrating Women's Day. It's a powerhouse of women gathering together for fun and inspiration."

The event features shopping at 20 vendor booths that will be set up, followed

by a luncheon which includes caesar salad, fruit, chicken stir fry, jasmine rice, pasta primavera, oven roasted chicken breast in raspberry cream sauce, seasonal vegetables, herb roasted mini red potatoes and a desert buffet with pies, tarts, and cheesecake cookies.

After the meal, principal psychotherapist and owner of Sherry Campbell Counselling Services, Sherry Campbell will speak about her personal journey and share professional strategies to achieve good health and

Who: The Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce

What: Hosting International Women's Day Networking Luncheon

When: Friday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Cherry Hill Club, 912 Cherry Hill Blvd., Ridgeway

happens: Campbell lives in

Ridgeway and has led "very well attended" workshops hosted by the Chamber.

"She leads a lot of events to discuss personal growth and enrich your life," Audet said.

When the Chamber hosts the International Women's Day Luncheon each year, organizers like to select a local guest speaker.

"We knew there would be lots of good sharing from her professional and personal life."

The luncheon is one of Audet's favourite Chamber

events because it offers "a girly girl afternoon of networking, socializing, shopping, dining, door prizes and the chance to hear an uplifting and inspirational story" from the guest speaker.

Tickets are \$40 for Chamber members and \$45 for non-members and must be reserved in advance. For more information call the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce at 905-871-3803.

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Minister announces investment in school construction

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Ministry of Education is investing in the future of Niagara students.

"At a time when public dollars are hard to come by, I am here to announce the Ontario government will be investing in the local economy in the Niagara area with two school construction projects," Minister of

Education Liz Sandals announced to school board trustees, educators and the media, at Ridgeway Public School in Ridgeway on Friday.

The ministry is committing \$10.27 million to tear down Ridgeway Public School in order to build a new school in its place in time for September 2016.

Construction on the new facility is set to begin this year. While the new school

is under construction, Ridgeway Public School's students will attend Bertie Public School. Four portable classrooms will be used to accommodate more than 300 students attending Bertie next year.

When it opens, the new school will consolidate students in kindergarten to Grade 8 from Bertie, Crystal Beach and Ridgeway public schools.

School board trustees

voted in favour of closing Fort Erie's three west end schools and consolidating them into one as a result of an accommodation review conducted last year.

The new facility will feature full-day kindergarten and child care.

The Ministry of Education is also committing \$980,000 to build new classrooms at Crossroads Public School in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The extra space will make room



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Minister of Education Liz Sandals announced Friday at Ridgeway Public School that the Ministry of Education will invest in two school projects in Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

from incoming students from Parliament Oak Elementary School, which is also set to close next year as a result of an accommodation review.

Sandals said the Ministry of Education is committed to bringing students together from nearby schools were declining enrolment has reduced programming to provide students with more opportunities and educational resources.

"Our government is proud to invest in capital projects that are bringing students

and communities together, reducing the cost of under-used space, and reinvesting savings back into the classroom," Sandals said.

The province made a commitment to invest \$750 million over the course of four years to support school consolidations and school reductions.

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1. Work with Seniors
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6. Education
7. Sports and Recreation
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10. Working with those with Special Needs
11. Volunteers under 21
12. Community Events
13. Working with Animals

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Friday, March 20	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)
Saturday, March 21	12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)

Voting Locations on Voting Day, Monday, March 30, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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CBSA officer settles grievance

A former Canada Border Services Agency officer has reached a settlement after she filed three grievances with the Public Service Labour Relations Board.

Celine Laporte, a spokeswoman for the PSRB, said Joanne Brown, who worked at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie and was fired

last summer, filed three grievances related to disciplinary actions.

Brown's mediation was held on Feb. 10 and 12 at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton.

"The status of those (three grievances) have been settled pending confirmation," Laporte said.

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A Niagara Falls grocery store on Christmas Eve will not face any criminal charges.

Ninety-two-year-old Frances Howard-Prine died Dec. 24 after she was struck by a pickup truck in the parking lot of Sobeys on Portage Rd.

The driver, a Niagara Falls woman who has not been named, will not be charged with any criminal offences, according to Niagara Regional Police.

"The investigators have reviewed the case with the Crown in its entirety and there will not be any criminal charges in this matter," said NRP Const. Phil Gavin.

Howard-Prine had lived most of her life in Iroquois Falls in northern Ontario and had relocated to St. Davids in the summer of 2014. A memorial service will be held in Iroquois Falls in July.



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CATHY MCCABE
Special to The Times

The Meteors' Vincent Robbins prevents the Panthers' Thomas Young from scoring on Liam Conway.

Meteors conclude regular season with shutout

Cathy McCabe
Special to The Times

Liam Conway led the Fort Erie Meteors to a 4-0 shutout victory over the Pelham Panthers Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex in Golden Horseshoe Conference junior B hockey action.

Conway made 31 saves to help the Meteors win their last home game of the regular season. Pelham's Daniel Kocsis saved 36 of 40 shots.

"I thought we played really well," said Kevin Dobrint, assistant coach of the Fort Erie Meteors. "All the boys have jumped in and filled in all the spots. (Dalton) Tartaglia and Frankie Franck were phenomenal. They all rallied together for the boys that were injured."

The team is missing nine players from the

lineup due to either injury or suspension. Jared Marino opened the scoring at 5:21 in the first period.

Dalton Tartaglia scored at 6:04 in the second.

Franck scored his first goal as a Meteor at 8:23. Vincent Robbins scored his first of the season at 11:49 in the third.

"It was a meek game tonight. Not too much emotion on either side," Dobrint said. "Playoffs are around the corner. Nobody wanted to get hurt or suspended."

Fort Erie took four minor penalties and the Panthers took three.

Admission was free to Saturday night's game as it was the Meteors' annual kids' night. The pre-novice Canadians and Flyers entertained the crowd during the first intermission with a 12-minute game.

The Meteors begin their postseason with a series against the Welland Junior Canadians. They will be at the Welland

Arena on Feb. 26 and March 1 and at the Leisureplex March 2 and 4.

Welland is ranked third

in the Golden Horseshoe Conference and Fort Erie is ranked sixth.

"It's going to be a hard-fought series," Dobrint

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FEBRUARY 25

NIAGARA MOVEMENT

For black history month, Lezlie Harper of Niagara

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Branch. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
HOME SCHOOL

Library Club. Join with other home schoolers from the Fort Erie area

for fun, educational, and library skill activities. This club coordinates parent-led, group activities for children of all ages. \$2 per

child or \$5 per family. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge Branch. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday. 10 a.m. to noon. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road.

KNITTING FOR KIDS

Ladies of the Bowen Road Women's Institute share their expertise and heritage in this free public program. They encourage all young people who would like to learn knitting to visit the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. They will provide all the needles and yarn needed—you bring your curiosity.

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Ladies of the Bowen Road Women's Institute share their expertise and heritage in this free public program. They encourage all adults who would like to learn knitting to visit the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you have needles or yarn, bring them along, but they will provide all that is needed—you bring your desire to learn!

MARCH 2

TAX CLINIC

Each year, dedicated volunteers give of their time to complete tax returns for people (seniors, students, newcomers and others) whose tax situation is simple and whose income is low. You must make an appointment, and bring all necessary documents (a list is available when you register). There is no charge for this important service. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge Branch. 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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DIABETES DISCUSSION

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. Mar. 5, 3 to 4 p.m. Keeping your Feet Healthy. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road.

KEEP DIABETES AWAY

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WALKING GROUP

A weekly walking group every Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

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Free Income Tax Clinics during the months of March and April. For more information, contact Mary Anne Feagan at 905-871-7621 ext. 2246.

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HEALTHY YOU

A monthly support group led by a dietitian for individuals who have taken the Healthy You program. Participants will build skills related to nutrition, healthy lifestyle strategies and ways to problem solve in challenging situations. March 30, 4 to 5 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

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A bouquet for fabulous neighbours

A bouquet for our fabulous neighbours Kevin and Tara who always brings in our garbage can and snow blow our driveway before we get home. You are truly amazing and we can not thank you enough!

Brick for driver that struck a dog

A brick for the person that ran over and killed my neighbour's dog. This happened on the morning of Jan. 20. on Brunswick Avenue. You didn't even attempt to stop. How do you look yourself in the mirror knowing what you have done?

Bouquet for kind person

A bouquet for the person in It's so cold!

front of me at a local coffee shop. You were in a rush so I let you go ahead. You said thank you, and then paid the cashier for your order, telling them that whatever I ordered is to be paid from the change. I didn't get your name, but I wanted to again say thank you for the appreciation.

Brick for careless drivers

A brick for all of the careless drivers this month. I see all the time people who drive way over the speed limit, passing slower vehicles and merging too close. These careless driving risks causing accidents and is nothing but selfish. You'd risk unsafe driving, your life and the lives of others out of your own impatience? Please, drive according to conditions and don't think you're the only people on the road, the rest of us are trying to be safe and respectful of the weather conditions.

Bouquet for coworkers

A bouquet for my co-workers that bought chocolate bars for my kids' school fundraiser. I hope you enjoy the tasty chocolate. My children appreciate your support.

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Dated this 27th day of January, 2015.

Allen Beam and Kimberly Grant, Estate Trustees
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Dated this 20th day of January, 2015.

Robin Brian Pirson, Jr., Estate Trustee
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Dated this 17th day of August, 2014.

Michelle Bears and Larry Bears, Estate Trustees
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as a junior lawyer. Nathaniel was born and raised in Niagara, subsequently attending York University (Honours B.A.) where he graduated on the Dean's Honour Roll. Thereafter, Nathaniel studied Neuroscience at Western University and the University of Toronto before attending law school. In 2013 he graduated from Fautaux Hall, University of Ottawa, with a Doctor of Laws, with specialization in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Professional Responsibility. During law school, Nathaniel worked for Legal Aid Ontario and private firms in the Ottawa Region. After graduation, he articulated with Legal Aid in Kenora, before accepting a position with Legal Aid in Kitchener. Nathaniel is familiar with the Fort Erie area, having spent many occasions swimming at Crystal Beach and fishing in Lake Erie. He will be specializing in family law, corporate law, civil litigation and wills and estates. Jones, Jamieson & Redekop welcome Nathaniel, who is excited to be back home with family and friends, eager to serve the community. Nathaniel can be reached at Jones, Jamieson & Redekop by calling 905-894-0220. Legal Aid clients welcomed.

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Michael and Melissa Holmes (nee Moon) are pleased to announce the birth of Mason William Holmes. Mason was born on February 14th weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Maureen and Scott Pettit, Melissa Holmes, Nick D'Amico, and Tom and Candy Moon. Aunt Andrea, Uncle Jeff, and cousins Morgan and Carter are excited to welcome Mason into the family. Special thanks to Krystle Anderson, Sophie-Fermes Renaissance Midwifery, and the staff at the St. Catharines General Hospital.



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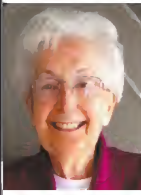
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The families of Ed Kent who passed away January 30, 2015, wish to extend sincere thanks to the many people in our community of Fort Erie and surrounding areas for expressing their condolences in many ways. We thank friends, neighbours, dignitaries and complete strangers for their heartfelt words, for cards of condolence, flowers, meals that appeared on our door steps, and the neighbours who continue to clear snow and complete strangers who have stepped up to share our driveway. We thank the OPP, the Niagara Falls Fire Department, EMS Niagara Falls and Victim Services for their tender professionalism. We thank Riverside Church, Faith Reformed Church and Benner Funeral Home for their comforting support. We are grateful to the guys at GMI with whom Ed worked and for the sharing of their stories of Ed. There are too many people to name for whom we are thankful. Our hearts are touched beyond words by all of you. Sincerely, Goretti Carolan, Ed and Marlene Kent and their families.

Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.
 -Albert Schweitzer

KOMMER, Lisa - The family of Lisa Kommer would like to thank all their friends who attended her memorial. Special thanks to Phil and Linda, owners of Southbites for their friendship and their donation of the food and the hall. And also special thanks to Janet Roy for feeding us for a week. Lisa loved many and was loved by many. Thank you.

A Loving Tribute

Thank You
 The family of the late Wasi Naz, wishes to express our sincere appreciation to all those who shared their sympathy and support during our loss. Many thanks to all our family and friends for your generosity and expressions of condolence through your numerous cards, phone calls, e-mails, online messages, visits to the house, gifts of food and flowers and donations in Wasi's memory. Thank you to all those that assisted us in Boston, including The Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge Police Department, Consulate General of Canada in Boston, the Islamic Institute of Boston, The Herndon Cambridge Hotel, Puggas Funeral Home in Watertown, MA and especially our family. Thank you to Darren Flagg and the staff at Benner Funeral Service for their kindness, compassion and professionalism. Darren, your availability and assistance during our time away was a true comfort to us. Thank you to the Islamic Society of Niagara Peninsula for being such a welcoming and hospitable group to all our family and friends, during the funeral and burial, as well as the last 40 years, and especially to Dr. Syed Tayeb and Mrs. Hasna Tayeb for your guidance and patience during all the necessary arrangements that needed to be made. A special thank you to Imam Murtaza Najmudin for your thoughtful prayers and inspirational words during both the funeral and memorial services. Wasi cherished the lifelong friendships that he fostered and was so proud of all that was accomplished together in making the Islamic Society such a respected and faith-sharing group within the community. Thank you to Jeff Finlay and Fr. William Mnyagava and the parish community of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church for hosting such a moving and beautiful memorial service, to Don Parr and the St. Michael's Choir for enhancing the service with your beautiful voices and to the co-celebrants and readers who participated. Thank you to Mary Wayne Redekop for the kind message. A special thank you to Dr. Jeff for your enduring friendship and your heartfelt words of respect and unity that have resonated so deeply with those that attended. Wasi was honoured to be an active and respected member of the parish family. Thank you to Rocco DiMello and the entire staff at Bridgewater Country Club for preparing and hosting a wonderful reception. As was evidenced throughout Wasi's life, every small act of kindness can have a significant impact on a life. Pursuing the outpouring of kindness from our family, close friends and the community of Fort Erie has been an overwhelming blessing to our lives. Our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support and support. Gratefully, Aurora and Waseem Naz & family.

AITKEN, Doreen Louise - Doreen passed away on February 16, 2015 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in her 87 year. Beloved wife of the late Edwin Aitken. Dear mother of Bruce Aitken, Rosemary Stirling (Randy) and the late Georgia Dubois. Loving grandmother of Kevin (Tiffany), Adam (Amanda), Brandon, Garrett, Robert and Danielle. Great grandmother to Damien, Vanessa, Hannah, Matthew and Olivia. Doreen worked for many years as a real estate agent and in later years at Our Lady of Fatima. She also served as a volunteer at GNGH. As per her wishes, cremation has taken place. If so desired, donations to the Lung Association would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, phone (905)894-0120.

DEXTER, Raymond Jack - Raymond Jack Dexter had a good life. Ray's parents emigrated from England after WWI and settled in Fort Erie, Ontario. Born on Halloween in 1930, he focused on business accounting in school which helped him to Cornwall, Ontario during the construction of the Seaway. Ray later worked at Courtaulds where he met and fell in love with the former Nancy McLeod of 6th Street. Ray and Nancy married and had two boys, before Ray got a job at General Motors which brought him to Massena, NY. Ray and Nancy lived at 81 Highland Avenue for 40 years and raised Jeff and Randy. The Dexters loved to travel and saw much of the US and Canada in their camper trailer. There were many ice chilled Gennys around a campfire at Coles Creek. Playing poker before it was cool; Ray had a knack for being able to deal great 2nd best hands. Ray worked at GMI for 23 years. After retiring, Ray and Nancy wintered in Yuma, Arizona for nearly 20 years. Nancy passed away in 2005. One of Ray's dreams were realized when he bought a house on the St. Lawrence river at Wilson Hill and enjoyed it for 3 years before a stroke prevented him from living on his own. The stroke greatly reduced Ray's ability to communicate, but physically otherwise made nearly a full recovery. Jeff and his wife Beth invited Ray to live with first in Michigan and then in Alaska. Ray's stroke put Ray into hospice care. Jeff Dexter, Capt. Beth Dexter USN retired, their son Raymond along with Randy Dexter and his wife Mary were with their father's side. Ray passed away on Valentine's Day in Huntsville, AL.

DOAN, Jane - Passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday February 15, 2015 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 90. Dear mother of Barbara (David) High and Barry (Jae) Doan. Cherished grandmother of Richard, Lori, Joshua and Jacob and great-grandmother of 4. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her 11 brothers and sisters. Special thanks are extended to the staffs at Gilmore Lodge and Palliative Care at Douglas Memorial Hospital and Dr. Chw of their care and compassion shown to mom. Arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES** 222 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

ELLIOTT, John - John passed away at the Welland Hospital on Wednesday February 25, 2015 at the age of 81. Beloved husband of the late Joan. Proud father of Darrell (Valerie) Elliot and Darlene (The late Sandy) Nelson. Cherished brother of Don (Judy) Elliott. He will be sadly missed by his niece Judy (Ryan) Middlecamp and nephew Jamie (Jen) Redmond. Predeceased by his other siblings. John served in WW2 with the RCAC and worked for over 35 years with the C.N.R. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Monday, February 22 from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral services were held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Tuesday at 11 am. If so desired, donations to C.O.P.E. would be appreciated by the family.

ROTH, Ray - Died peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on February 18, 2015, at the age of 85. Survived by daughters Jana (Jeff) Harkness, and Joa (Nick Aragi), grandchildren Vivienne and Ethan, sister Sharon (Graham) (Ron), niece Tiffany Willick (Daryl), nephews Steve (Gorham) (Sylvie) and Brian Gorham (Debra) and their children. Predeceased by son Lee Nelson Roth, daughter-in-law Marie Roth, and longtime companion Mavis Burger. Ray was an accomplished trumpet player and played in dance bands as the youngest member of the group. He was also a jazz musician and he maintained a passion for jazz throughout his life, and also loved to boat and garden. As a chartered accountant, Ray parents Ray and Joa throughout a successful career living in Guelph, Stratford, and Brockville. He enjoyed his retirement years back in the hometown of Fort Erie. A celebration of his life will take place later in late. Condolences or donations in his memory to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be gratefully received through **MORSE SUN FUNERAL HOME** in Niagara Falls. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morseandson.com.

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CARVER, Mary Ann - After a courageous battle with cancer Mary Ann (nee McIntyre) passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Saturday February 21st, 2015 at the age of 77. Loving wife of John for 57 years. Proud mother of Dianne (Craig) Booker, Donald (Bonnie) Carver and Tim (Dorise) Carver. Cherished grandmother of Carolyn (Dean) Coker, Karen Booker, Thomas Booker, Emily Carver, Hannah Carver, Amelia Carver and Jack Carver. Beloved sister of Donald (Joan) McIntyre and sister in law of Leona Lightheart, Harold (Stella) Carver, Jean (Lyle) Hawkins, Ken (Lucille) Carver and Carol (Dan) Brunt. Also survived by her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Lloyd and Ruby McIntyre, her father and mother in law David and Ruth Carver and brothers and sisters in law, Gordon Lightheart, Rose (Charlie) Fish, Evelyn Roth, Shirley (George) Fish and Stella Carver. Mary Ann was devoted to her family and will be fondly remembered for her love of quilting which she won many awards for and warm the homes of her family. The family extend their appreciation to the caregivers from CCAC, Dr. K. Scher and the Douglas Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Unit for the compassionate care provided to Mary Ann. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** entrusted with arrangements. A service to celebrate Mary Ann's life will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Tuesday February 24th at 3 p.m. if so desired, memorial donations to Camp Kewqua would be appreciated by the family.

KAZMIR, Janet (nee MacGregor) Peacefully in her sleep after a long illness at Oakwood Park Lodge on February 12th, 2015. Janet is predeceased by husband, Walter and survived by son, Kyle and sister, Sandee. She will be fondly remembered by family and friends. Donations can be made to the Fort Erie SPCA in Janet's memory.



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SLOWLEIGH, Alberta "Ann" - On Thursday, February 19th, 2015, Ann peacefully passed away in her sleep due to ongoing complications of lung cancer. She is survived by her loving husband John, her daughter Juleann and her adoring granddaughter Jackie. Ann will be missed by her brother George, her sister Virginia and the rest of the family. **WILLIAM FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd. Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. A gathering and sharing of memories was held on Saturday, February 21st, 2015 from 1-3 pm at the Williams Family Care Centre.



Howard Cox
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 Your wife Marion, kids Carol, Duane, Patricia and Lauri.

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 But I cannot fill the longing,
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